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From the Evening Poſt, May 31.

Warſaw, May 22.

THE King being determined to offer the Empreſs of Ruſſia his Order of the Golden Fleece, has ſent to his Miniſter at Petersburg a Croſs ſet with Diamonds, worth 20,000 Crowns, to be preſented to her Majeſty. 'Tis talked the King will take a Trip to Riga, and have a Conference with that Princeſs.

Petersburg, May 21. 'Tis confidently talked, that the equipping of our large Men of War is ſuſpended, and that only 14 or 15 light Fregats and the Galleys will put to Sea. Some pretend to know, that in the firſt Conference which Count de Rabutin, Envoy of the Emperor, had with our Miniſters, he had not the Succeſs he expected. Upon Advice that Prince Thamas, Son of the late Sophi, is come to a Reſolution to accept of the Treaty concluded betwixt Ruſſia and Turkey, an Expreſs has been diſpatched to Conſtantinople, with Orders to our Envoy to endeavour to engage the Porte to put the ſaid Treaty in Execution, and ſettle the Limits between the two Empires.

Hamburg, May 21 Some Ruſſian Engineers came lately to the Iſle of Oeſel, belonging to the Duke of Holſtein, where they are to make new Fortifications, and a Port which will contain 15 or 20 Men of War.

Paris, May 31. On the 29th our India Company held a general Court, when it was declared to the Aſſembly, that by the Loſs of 7 or eight of their Ships, and other Accidents, their whole Stock is 300,000 Livres leſs this Year than it was the laſt; then they declared that the Dividend this Year ſhall be 150 Livres for each Action, they diſmiſſed four of the Directors, whoſe Names are Mouchard, Randot, la Tranquiere and Cordier, who had each a Salary of 12,000, a Year, but the laſt was appointed Syndick of the Company.

Conſtantinople, April, 2. The Envoy of Sultan Eſref, whom the Porte has not thought fit to own with that Character, ſtiling him only Bearer of Diſpatches, and as ſuch gave a Preſent of 6000 Crowns, by Way of Reward for his Trouble, ſet out the Beginnning of this Month, with a Letter for the Sultan his Maſter, being in Anſwer to that wrote by his Maſter to the Grand Seignior, and alſo one from the Mufti and other Perſons of the Law, to thoſe of the like Character in Perſia, the Purport of which Anſwer is to demonſtrate, that according to the Law of Mahomet, there ought to be no more than one Grand Seignior, or Defender of the Faith; that therefore his Highneſs being juſtly founded in his Right on Perſia, he is obliged to eſtabliſh there his Authority, and uſe his Arms againſt all who ſhall preſume to oppoſe him; exhorting Sultan Eſref, not only to deiſt from his Pretenſions, but alſo to relinquiſh his Conqueſts.

From the St. James's Evening-Poſt, May 31.

Baſil, May 23. The King of Spain has wrote a Letter to our Canton, for raiſing two Regiments in our Territories. The Grand Duke of Tuſcany has made repeted Inſtances with the Powers concerned, that in Caſe of War or Continuation of Peace, no Foreign Troops might be quartered in his Dominions, but that he might be allowed to obſerve an exact Neutrality.

London, May 31. On Sunday laſt two Gentlemen were to Swim from Richmond croſs the River, for a conſiderable Wager; the one was drown'd e're he reach'd the Middle, and the other had been certainly loſt were it not for the timely Aſſiſtance of ſome Watermen.

On Sunday laſt a Shoemaker's Boy in Church-Lane, went to waſh himſelf near York-Stairs and was drowned, and is not yet found. The ſame Day another Youth was drowned near Milbank, Weſtminſter, and two more that were with him were taken out of the Water when at the Point of expiring.

Yeſterday-morning a Party of the Foot Guards came from Leiceſter-houſe to the Bagnio in Covent-garden, and ſecured ſome young Noblemen that had determined to fight a Duel in Hide Park, who we hear are now reconciled.

From a Written Letter, May 31.

London, May 31. This Day the Duke of Queenſberry and the Earl of Marchmont were ſworn of his Majeſty's moſt honourable Privy Council. [illegible] clamation

clamation is ordered, for a Faſt Day to be obſerved on Thurſday the 7th of July next in Scotland.

The Duke of Richmond and Sir Robert Walpole, are to be inſtalled on Thurſday ſennight, Knights of the Garter at Windſor.

A Duel that was intended as Yeſterday Morning between ſome young Scots Noblemen, was prevented by the Colonel on the Prince's Guard, who having Notice of it put them all under an Arreſt.

From the Poſt Man, May 31.

Stockholm, May 15. The Count de Brancas Cereſt, the French Ambaſſador, will return ſhortly to his Court by the Way of Copenhagen and Germany. All poſſible Diligence is uſed to fit out 7 or 8 Men of War and as many Fregats, and likewiſe to ſend away the Tranſports deſign'd for Straelſund in Pomerania.

Turin, May 8. Moſt of our Troops have paſſed in Review, and as ſeveral Regiments were found weak, Orders are given to recruit them with all poſſible Diligence. We do not hear that the Imperial Troops make any Motion in the Milaneze, no more than the French in Dauphine, and upon the Frontier. M. le Plat, Secretary of the States General at this Court, is furthwith to return to Holland.

Turin, May 15. We continue to repair the Works of all our Fortreſſes; but thoſe of Chiva, which were almoſt ruined, are ordered to be quite demoliſhed.

From the Whitehall Evening-Poſt, May 31.

Petersburg, May 14. The Czarina has received the Order of the White Eagle, as a Preſent from the King of Poland; and on the 12th Prince Mehzicoff, Velt-Marſhal General of her Armies, hung the Collar of the Order about her Neck, by virtue of a full Power he had received in Writing from his Poliſh Majeſty.

Hague, June 8. They write from Rome, That the Chevalier de St. George had lately a Conference with the late Duke of Ormond's Nephew, called the Duke of Beaufort, about 19 Years of Age, who is newly arrived there in Company with ſeveral other Engliſh Fugitives. Soon after he came, he ſent a Gentleman to St. Cecilia's Convent, to compliment the Princeſs Sobieski; who returned the Compliment the next Day. Some ſay, that the News of the Equipment of a Fleet in England for the Mediterranean, has frightned the Chevalier de St. George from going on board a Spaniſh Ship at Civita Vecchia, after Part of his Equipage was actually ſhipped.

Letters from Conſtantinople ſay, that Mr. Stanian, the Britiſh Ambaſſador there, received an Expreſs from London on the 6th of April, who came by the Way of France and Smyrna; and that he was ſent back the ſame way on the 14th, becauſe the Emperor has forbid the Engliſh and French Couriers to paſs by Land thro' his Dominions.

London, May 31. Thomas Ripley, Eſq; is appointed to build the New Bridge acroſs the Thames from Fulham to Putney.

Letters from Antegoa dated April 3d, adviſe, that they were in great Diſtreſs for want of Water there, having had no Rain for a long Time, and there being no Springs in the ſaid Iſland; Water for drinking was become exceſſive dear, being ſold at 2 ſh. the Pail, and Pond Water for the Negroes, at 6 d. the Pail.

Sunday being the Anniverſary of the Birth and Reſtauration of King Charles II. it was celebrated with all the wonted Demonſtrations of public Joy; and it being a Collar-day, the Knights of the Garter and Bath appeared at Court in their Collars, to wait upon his Majeſty to the Chapel.

Yeſterday was likewiſe the Birthday of the two young Princeſſes Amelia and Carolina; the former of which then entred the 16th, and the latter the 14th Year of her Age. Upon which their Highneſſes received the uſual Compliments.

From the London Gazette, May 31.

Stockholm, May 11. Sir Charles Wager, with the Britiſh Squadron under his Command, ſailed from Copenhagen the 2d Inſt. and on the 6th came to an Anchor at Elſenab, near this Place. The 8th Sir Charles Wager came to Town, and Yeſterday had Audience of the King of Sweden, in Preſence of ſeveral Senators, being introduc'd by Mr. Pointz, the Britiſh Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and delivered a Letter from the King his Maſter to his Swediſh Majeſty; by whom he was graciouſly received, and afterwards had the Honour, together with Mr. Pointz, to dine with his Majeſty.

Hamburg, May 31. Letters from Petersburg of the 14th Inſt. adviſe, That the Czarina had fixed the 12th of next Month for her Departure thence for Riga; and that the Duke of Holſtein was to accompany her. We have a Report that the Ruſſians have ſuſpended their fitting out their large Men of War, and are now equipping ſome Fregats.

St. James's, May 30. Saturday laſt, being the Birthday of his Majeſty, the Celebration of it was deferred to this Day; when there was a very numerous

merous and ſplendid Appearance here of the Nobility and other Perſons of Diſtinction, and at Night a Ball. The uſual Demonſtrations of Joy were ſhewn on this Occaſion throughout London and Weſtminſter.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, June 2.

Since our laſt arrived a Mail from France.

ON the 6th paſt, four Spaniſh Men of War ſailed from Cadix for the Havana, and were ſoon to be followed by 4 others with Land Forces on board, we hear nothing of the 10 Men of War that ſometime ago were ſaid to have been bought up at Petersburg for the Service of his Catholick Majeſty; but it may be the Muſcovites cannot ſpare them, at leaſt till it be ſeen whether the Propoſals of Admiral Wager will be agreed to.

Mean-time the Letters from Petersburg of the 12th laſt. ſay, That great Preparations for War were making there, as well by Sea as by Land. Theſe Advices add, that the Great Chancellor having invited the Miniſters of France, Pruſſia and Denmark, &c. to a Conference, communicated to them, by the Czarina's expreſs Order, the Treaty of Alliance concluded between her Czarian Majeſty and the Emperor and King of Sweden; declaring at the ſame time, that the fitting out of their Fleet with regular Troops on board, was with no other View than to exerciſe their Men.

And Letters from Stockholm of the 21ſt ſay, that altho' the Men of War that are fitting out at Carelſcroon are ready to put to Sea, yet they are not to join (as has been reported) the Ruſſian Fleet for executing ſome Deſigns. At the ſame time they tell us, that the Tranſport of Troops for Pomerania of 4000 Men, are upon the Point of putting to Sea.

The French go on with their Preparations in ſuch a Manner, particularly about the Rhine, as ſhews his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty to be inviolably fix'd in his Reſolution of executing his Engagements in the Treaty of Hanover, for preventing the dangerous Deſigns formed by ſome Potentates, notwithſtanding the contrary has been ſuggeſted.

This Week one Perry a Stockjobber was taken into Cuſtody of a Meſſenger, by Warrant of the Lord Townſhend, for attempting to publiſh a Paragraph of falſe News, having for that End been with ſeveral Printers of the publick News.

There is Advice from Fort William in Scotland, where there is a Garriſon to check the Inſolencies and Depredations of the Highlanders, That to the Number of 50 or 60, having ſome Reſentment againſt the Fiſhermen belonging to the Salmon Fiſhing within a few Miles of the ſaid Garriſon, fell upon them, ſtaved and deſtroyed moſt of their Boats, and ſet the reſt a Drift, cut their Nets, ſtole their Fiſh, and barbarouſly beat the Fiſhermen. And the Night after, cut the Throats of a Dozen of Calves belonging to a Gentleman in the Neighbourhood.

Rameſgate, May 31. Sunday laſt we had a very terrible Storm of Thunder and Lightning; moſt of our Houſes were much ſhaken: In that belonging to Mr. Goad the Lightning deſcended into the Chimney, demoliſhed it with Part of the Head of the Houſe, it alſo ſplit the Bed-ſtead wherein two Perſons lay, and the Mantle Pieces into many bits, forc'd thro' ſeveral Parts of the Tiling, and all the Windows except one, burnt the Hangings and Stockings by the Bedſide, 14 Pewther Plates, and a large Hole in a Copper Pot was melted, ſeveral Panes of the Windows were burnt to a Coal. All this was attended with a ſtrong Smell of Sulphur and Brimſtone for ſome Time after, yet notwitſtanding ſix Perſons were in the Houſe, none of them received the leaſt Damage.

Geo. Pitt of Stradfordſea in the County of Southampton, Eſq; was on Monday laſt elected a Burgeſs for Old Sarum, in room of Governor Pit deceaſed. And on Tueſday the Lord Vere Beauclair, was choſen Member of Parliament for Windſor, in room of his Brother, now Duke of St. Albans.

Sir John Jennings, having gone to give the neceſſary Orders about the Men of War, he will ſoon come up to Town, to wait the Arrival of the Forces from Ireland.

This Week one White was committed to Newgate, for aſſaulting, and attempting carnally to know his own Daughter, and alſo to commit the deteſtable Sin of Sodomy with her!

From the Evening Poſt, June 2.

Duſſeldorp, June 4. The Imperial Court has ſent circular Letters to divers Electors and Circles of the Empire, requeſting them to put their Dominions into a Poſture of Defence.

Copenhagen, June 1. This Day the Queen was ſafely brought to bed of a Prince, who ſoon after was Baptized by the Name of *Frederick Chriſtian.* Our Squadron which is at Sea is victualled for 4 Months.

Warſaw, May 22. We hear that the Republic of Poland is endeavouring to take proper Meaſures for bringing the Dutchy of Courland under their Dominions,

minions, after the Decease of the present Duke of that Name, who has no Issue, and dividing the same into Palatinates. But the King rather inclines to employ his good Offices for procuring to the States of that Dutchy, Liberty to proceed to a new Election under certain Restrictions. On the other hand, the Court of Russia Claims that Dutchy.

Vienna, May 25. Some of the Foreign Ministers have received Advice from Constantinople, that the Porte is going to send 100,000 Men towards the Caspian Sea.

S. S. Stock, 102, 102, 3 8ths. York. B. 14, 1 half.

Edinburgh, June 7. We should have told you in our Yesterday's Paper, That on Sunday-night last the Rt. Honourable the Countess of Errol came to Town from London.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶¶¶ That there is a fine Blood Stone at this Place, of extraordinary Vertue for stopping the Bleeding at the Nose, and preventing Abortion in Women, when in Danger of parting with Child. Any Person who wants the Use of said Stone, enquire at Mris. Johnston Widow, living in the Head of the old Provost's Close, a little below the Court of Guard North-side of the Street; who will give an Account of the Gentlewoman who has this Blood-Stone.

¶¶¶ That the Arbitrators in the Submission of the Earl of NORTHESK's Creditors, have appointed a general Meeting of the Creditors at John's Coffee-house in Edinburgh, on Friday the 10th of June Inst. at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, that a Matter of Importance may be concerted before them, and for that Purpose, the Creditors or their *Doers* are desired to attend.

Fishery-Office, May 24, 1726.

The Managers of the Copartnery are to expose to publick Sale, at their Office, THIS DAY, the 7th Inst. a 3 after Noon, at the following low Rates, for Encouragement of Bidders, viz.

Four new Herring-nets, at 3 L. sterl. each.

Eight ditto, containing 110 undress'd ditto, at 15 sh. each.

Utensils for a Twine-work per Inventary, to be set up at L. 9, 17, 8 sterl.

Ditto for the Cod-fishing, as per Inventary; to be set up at L. 14, 1, 8.

Ditto for a Barking-house, per ditto to be set up at L. 14, 16, 4 sterl.

The above Goods will be shown at Leith by David Dae, the Copartnery's Agent, and the Inventaries and Articles of Roup, at their Office in the Lawn-market. Also there will be exposed to public Sale at the said Office, and at the same Hour, 88 Lasts, 1 3d of Herring Barrels lying at Peterhead, in one Lot, to be sold as they lie, at 14 sh. per Last.

Notice is also hereby given, That the Managers of the Fishing Copartnery are to expose to publick Sale by Roup, at their Office in the Lawn-Market in Edinburgh, on Tuesday the 5th of July next, at three in the Afternoon, the Lands and Fishertoun of Peterhead with the Pertinents, and others belonging to the said Copartnery, lying in the Parish of Peterhead and Shire of Aberdeen, the yearly Rental whereof, amounts to 191 Bolls 2 Pecks of Bear, 199 Bolls and 2 Pecks 1 3d Meal, 2 Bolls of Oats, and L. 80. 4. 1 1 6th Sterling of Money Rent and Feu Duties, being the neat free Rent, over and above the Ministers Stipend. Item the Feus of 37 Houses in Stonehaven, and Fish Boats in the said Town, belonging to the said Copartnery, lying in the *Sheriffdom* of Kincardin, the Free Rent whereof, amounts in all to L. 7. 12. 1 6th Sterling. Any Person who intends to bid for the above Purchase, may see the Particulars of the Rental, the Copartnery's Right, and the Conditions of Sale, at the Copartnery's Office.

The Managers of the Fishing Copartnery, finding that the Time appointed by the General Meeting, for making the first Dividend of the Stock amongst the Adventurers, draws near; and finding that a great many of their Certificates remain yet not taken out: Do hereby give Notice to all concerned, That the Officers of the said Copartnery will attend at the Burrow-room on Friday next, from 10 to 12 Forenoon, and from 2 to 4 after Noon, for giving out the same; and thereafter, at the same Place and Hours, on Monday the 30th Inst. on Wednesday the 1st, on Friday the 3d, on Monday the 6th, on Wednesday the 8th, and on Friday the 10th of June. After which last Day, the Books of Certificates will be laid aside, and no more issued till the first Dividend is over. The Managers do likewise further give Notice, That all Persons who have Certificates made out in their own Names, or who have Right to the same by Indorsation, may have their first Dividend of Fishery-Stock at the Rate of 5 sh. sterl. per Pound, paid them at the Burrow-room, on Monday the 13th of June, from 9 to 12 a clock in the Forenoon, and from 2 till 5 a clock in the Afternoon; and on Wednesday and Friday thereafter, at the same Place and Hours; and at such other Time and Place as shall hereafter be advertised.

*** That JOHN LINDSAY of MAINS, for the Satisfaction of his Creditors, and for saving the Expence of Diligence, which his Estate cannot bear, has granted a Disposition of his whole Estate in favours of a Trustee for the Behoof. The Creditors are therefore desired to give in their Grounds of Debt, and a Note of what is resting them thereupon, to William Veitch and Thomas Goldie, Writters to the Signet, or to Gilbert Young Writer in Dumfries, betwixt and the 25th of June next; in order that the Extent of the whole Debts may be known, and thereafter a general Meeting of the whole Creditors may be appointed, to concert proper Measures for ranking themselves, and disposing of the Estate to the best Advantage, towards their Payment. 'Tis hoped the Creditors will so far regard their own Interest, as to give no Delay in doing what is proposed.

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